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## SO SAY WE.

Miss Frances E. Willard has been and now is greatly interested in the cause of the Armenians, and through her writings and constant appeals she has powerfully influenced her large constituency. It appears however that some of the people whom she has so influenced are giving of their means to the cause of the Armenians at the expense of other interests. Through the *Union Signal* Miss Willard addresses them a Christmas letter of which the following is the first paragraph:

*Beloved Comrades*.—Word comes to me that several of you are stopping your "Union Signal" to give the money to our blessed Armenians. But that will not really help. It is only through strong, steady, and forceful organizations that we can hope to lift for any good cause. If you cripple the paper and the publishing house that have, through the Holy Spirit's inspiration, made us what we are as an engine of power for God and human brotherhood and sisterhood, it will be a calamity to the world, and to none more than the Armenians.

This is sensible counsel and applies to others as well as to *Union Signal* subscribers. The official Publication House of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has been a powerful factor in making that body what it is, and to withdraw support from it to give to the Armenians would neither be true charity nor economy. It would be cutting off the very means which has given the Armenians more practical help than the price of thousands of subscriptions to the *Signal* could or would bring them. The same principle applies to the church paper. To stop your paper that you may contribute more freely to some other department of church work is not helping the cause. The BRETHREN EVANGELIST is an earnest advocate of the Gospel alone doctrine as believed and taught by the Brethren Church. It supports every institution and encourages every enterprise of the church. A hearty support of the paper means the support of all the church's interests for the paper stands for the defense of such interests.

## FAITHFUL IN LITTLE THINGS.

The Word of God teaches, both by precepts and example that faithfulness in little things is sure to bring its reward. Even the giving of a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple has the promise of recognition and reward. It is not the largeness of the deed, but the degree of faithfulness, that God rewards. The poor man who gives his dime is as faithful as the rich man who gives his thousands. The man in the Gospel who was faithful in the use of the two talents committed to his trust received the same reward as the man who so used his five talents. Do not be discouraged because you can not do great things. Your reward will be according to your faithfulness and you may be just as faithful in little things as in the larger things of life. Wherever then your lot may be cast, into whatever sphere of labor you may be called, in all things be faithful, and your faithfulness will receive the recognition and reward of Him who is graciously mindful of every little deed of love done in His name.

## WAYS OF WORKING.

Brother G. W. Rench has prepared a tract entitled "Advantages of Being a Member of the Brethren Church." These are: 1. It brings you directly to the Gospel—God's commands to us and promises for us. 2. The second advantage is that no one questions its mode of baptism. 3. The third advantage named is that the Brethren Church teaches and keeps the ordinances as they were delivered. Under each one of these statements the author presents scriptural references and arguments in support of his position. There is also a chapter on "How we Differ from the German Baptists." On the whole it is an excellent tract and Brother Rench is making good use of it among his people whom he serves. The motto of the tract is: "For one is your Master even Christ; and all ye are brethren." Matt. 23: 8. We cannot too strongly endorse this plan of work. If pastors would use printers' ink more freely they would succeed better in their work. It costs but little and brings rich results. Try it.

We are in receipt of a card from brother W. D. Furry, containing the following announcements:

- 1.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.—Each Sunday Morning—10:00 o'clock.
- 2.—PREACHING.—Each Sunday Morning—11:00 o'clock.
- 3.—K. C. OF C. E.—Each Sunday evening, except last in each month—7:00 o'clock.
- 4.—S. S. C. E.—Last Sunday Evening of each month.—7:00 o'clock.

- 5.—PRAYER MEETING.—Each Thursday Evening—7:00 o'clock.
- 6.—MISSIONARY READING CIRCLE.—Each Friday Evening—7:00 o'clock.
- 7.—BUSINESS MEETING.—First Saturday in January, April, July and October—1:30 o'clock.
- 8.—COMMUNIONS.—Will be announced "Come with us and we will do thee good."

At the bottom of the card is this invitation:

We want you to come. We need you to help. Everybody welcome.

It will be seen from these announcements that Brother Furry is a very busy pastor, and more than that he evidently keeps his people busy. Here are eight different services announced; four weekly Sabbath services; two monthly Sabbath services; two weekly week day services; one quarterly meeting, with communion services to be announced. To prepare for all these services means work, but without work very little is accomplished in anything and spiritual work is no exception to the rule. The pastor should remember that the church is a school, and prepare accordingly. The pastor who expects to get along without much work need not expect great results, for great results in spiritual work is the reward of faithful service.

## Personal Mention.

Brother C. F. Yoder reports two accessions for last week.

Brother L. A. Hazlett reports one accession and the work moving along nicely in his congregations.

The communication in this issue by Brother Perry deserves the special attention to all the churches of Indiana.

We are informed that Brother Wirich is holding a successful revival meeting at a point about five miles west of Warsaw, Ind.

Brother David Hufford of Rossville, Ind., says: "The paper has got down to rock bottom prices. All the brethren ought to take the paper."

Brother W. A. Harmon reports five confessions at a meeting now in progress near Kecksburg, Pa. Also one reclaimed and one received by letter.

Sister Flora is engaged to preach for the Brooklyn congregation, Iowa, once every four weeks. Brother Baker reports the work moving along slowly.

Brother J. W. Smouse sends us a report of his work for the first quarter of the conference year, which we publish in this issue. It is a good report.

We are in receipt of a circular from brother J. H. Hall, of Virginia, announcing a Normal school of Music at Shidler, Ind., to begin, Feb. 2, and continue twenty days.

Brother John Nickolson of Rosena, Calif., says: "I hope the EVANGELIST will get her 3000 subscribers for 1897, and the College paid for and started up with 500 students."